

## HELLO AGAIN

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**A PERSONAL NOTE:** I received a letter from a long time subscriber with a few comments and suggestions concerning too much or too little of certain information such as too much convention information in certain issues. I would appreciate any comments at any time. I would like to mention that the main purpose of Hello Again is not to include articles or reprints of early radio articles. Other magazines do a fine job of this. I try to keep you informed as to what is going on, including the convention, since I am the chairman. The more information I get from my readers, the more information goes in HA. I have been charging \$10 a year since 1986 with about 300 subscribers.

Just a reminder that there is **no charge** to subscribers for listing what you are looking for and what you are trading or selling...I send out a list of hosted OTR shows to all new subscribers. I am enclosing the list so it can be updated. Please let me know of any additions, deletions or corrections.

**REMINISCING:** From Vol. 1 No. 8, November 1970. I have 29 subscribers... A quarterly for science fiction buffs called **The Riverside Quarterly** is published in Regina, Canada. (Is this still published?)...Another publication is **Radio Waves** published by Richard Vosburgh of East Greenwich, RI. It contains articles about radio...A third publication is **Our Kate**, a publication of The Kate Smith Fan Club and is edited by Richard Hayes. (Richard is still active in preserving Kate Smith material.)...A little poll was taken about selling shows. All traders responding said that some selling was necessary to get traders started. They also stated that prices should be reasonable--\$5.00 an hour or less...**New Friends:** An asterisk (\*) means I need help in locating these people. Will Dufour\*; Ken Gackler; Mar-Bren Sound (Howard Brenner)\* sells shows and is in contact with over 1500 collectors; Mel Simons (Mel is still very active with the Radio Collectors of America and entertains throughout the Boston area.); Bill Smerikanicz; Larry Parker\*...**Old Friends:** Roy Bright had a nice writeup in his local paper. Roy has about 1000 shows. Ernie Hack works for the Eagle Lock Corp. and makes OTR - related rubber stamps as a side line. Ernie is in contact with several movie stars. Ernie also has used Olsen tape (anyone have this brand today?)..Roger Hill is teaching an OTR course at San Francisco State...Evan MacBride suggests the use of DAK tape (How many of you have shows on DAK tape from the early 70'?. DAK is into other communication areas today.)

**Kate Smith:** (from 1941 article; courtesy of Dick Hayes) On May, 1941, Kate Smith celebrated 10 years on the air with a special program on CBS. Present on this program were William Paley, Columbia president, and Clarence Francis, head of General Foods, her sponsor since 1937. Following her broadcast which ended at 8:55, she appeared in the radio play "Johnny Appleseed." Afterward, a reception was held in her honor. Today (1941) Miss Smith makes about \$5500 a week from her evening show and Monday - to - Friday noonday program. Besides introducing Irving Berlin's "God Bless America," she helped the following get their start: Ezra Stone and The Aldrich Family, Abbott and Costello, Henny Youngman, Ted Straeter, Bea Wain and Adelaide Moffett.

**Jack Benny (This is the Life: Part 2)** (from Radio Guide, June 26, 1937; courtesy of Raleigh Barker) Jack Benny, age 17, was kicked out of high school, a failure in business college and a fiddle player in a closed theater. Could things get much worse? Jack then teamed up with Cora Salisbury, his former woman orchestra leader, in a violin-piano act and toured theaters in the area. He and Cora lived in cheap hotels, ate bad food in greasy restaurants and played in third-rate theaters. They were often gyped out of their money and were usually broke. The act was called "Salisbury and Benny, from Opera to Ragtime." They worked for four years with nary a quarrel and sometimes under very adverse conditions, such as at Storm Lake where they played in a theater that was in the process of being built. The manager wanted 9 different performances so that the people could return and see something different instead of the same performance each time. Cora had to be with her sick mother after 4 years and Jack went back to help his father in his store. Jack, through a friend, Stub Wilbur, teamed up with a piano player, Lyman Woods. They were billed as "Benny and Woods, 10 minutes of Syncopation." Most of their work was around Chicago. In their third season they were finally booked at the Palace Theater in New York, but the show flopped. They performed in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia with great success but flopped



again in New York. Very soon after that Jack's mother died. Jack then enlisted in the Navy. He was immediately assigned to a show that toured the country earning money for the Navy. During this time he worked with Zez Confrey and other big name figures from show business. Also he depended less on his fiddle and more on comedy. After the war he went back to vaudeville as a single and emphasized comedy, using the violin just to fill out the act. "And not long after that," he says, "I fell in love."

**COLLECTORS OF THE PAST - UPDATES:** **Evan MacBride** (see new friends)...**Ernie Hack**, 2860 SE 20th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601. Ernie is 78 and is not involved much with OTR now. Ernie has published **The Connecticut Yankee** for 24 years. It is filled with nostalgia, humor, jokes and other interesting reading. It is \$4.50 a year for 6 issues. Send \$2.00 for a sample issue. Some of you may remember that Ernie, when he lived in Connecticut, sold stamps with OTR logos on them.

**CONVENTION '89:** Additional details follow: You may submit **camera ready ads** for our program book. Cost is \$60 for a full-page ad; \$40 for a half-page; \$20 for a quarter-page ad or smaller. Program book is 8 1/2 by 11. **Dealers** at our convention can take a 25% discount. Details are in the flyer. Dealers table went very fast last year. Previous dealers will get first preference, but I need to know whether you want tables or not as soon as possible. Also, **don't forget to let me know what food you want for Thursday night.**

**RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL:** Garrison Keillor announced he will return to American Public Radio with a new series in the fall. It will be on Saturdays ET at 6 p.m. starting Sept. 30. There will be 24 new two-hour shows. It will pick up where "A Prairie Home Companion" left off...WOR-AM in New York celebrated a milestone when the morning program, "Rambling With Gambling" earned a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records on May 31 when it made its 20,000th broadcast making it the longest-running radio show ever. John B. Gambling started the show in 1925 as an exercise program. His son, John A., took over in 1959 and his son, John R., joined him in 1985...**Charles Michelson** has 25 series of OTR for radio stations to broadcast. Coming soon will be 52 episodes of The Hermit's Cave and 26 episodes of The Voyage of the Scarlet Queen...**Otherworld Media**, Seattle-based radio production company that offered War of the Worlds last year is taping a one-hour version of Marguerite de Angeli's award winning children's story, "A Door in the Wall" for Christmas release...**"The Brothel Boy,"** first of five experimental half-hour programs dubbed the Chicago Test Pilots, achieved the goal of the series: to take serious material and make it accessible, even entertaining, for the public. The remaining four will be broadcast in the future on classical station WFMT-FM, Chicago...The U.S. Supreme Court says CBS no longer owns the trademark for the "Amos 'N' Andy" radio and tv series. It made its decision on June 26, upholding a lower court ruling...The movie, **Batman**, is doing much better than the radio series. In the late 40's, a pilot radio series was made, but never sold. Actor Gary Merrill was the voice of Batman. Batman was a guest star, however, on the Superman radio program...WQXR-FM New York, the country's first commercial classical music radio station, moved for the first time in 39 years from West 43rd to a state-of-the-art studio at 122 5th Avenue.

**Kathy O'Connell** has a new show with WXPB-FM (88.9) in Philadelphia on Mondays at 8 p.m. It will focus on entertainment — movies, tv, radio, etc. It will start on September 4...The Mormon Tabernacle Choir with their show "Music and the Spoken Word" has been on radio longer than any other show (1929 - 1989). It is covered by over 100 CBS affiliates. **Bill Zuckert** recently performed in "Disability: A Comedy." It was put on by the Odyssey Theater Ensemble in West Los Angeles. (Let me know what the radio performers of yesterday are doing today.)...**Willard Waterman** is attending the opening of Gildersleeve's Old-Fashioned Diner in August. The diner is located in Pueblo, Colorado and is a 1940's-theme diner. One of the owners is Michael Fields who has a great interest in OTR.

**PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED:** **SPERDVAC Radiogram**, Jun; article on George Petrie.. Jul; articles on Lyn Murray and Lucille Meredith; also details about their annual convention



in November...**Illustrated Press**, June; excellent coverage of the Cincinnati Convention by Bob Burnham...July; excellent review of OTR jargon and expressions...**Old Time Radio Digest**, May-June; articles on Dennis Day, Jack Benny and politics, Boston Blackie...**Metro Washington Old-time Radio Club Newsletter**, May-June; articles on Frank Bingman, Charlie McCarthy, FDR Fireside Chats, Buck Rogers...**Milwaukee Area Radio Enthusiasts Newsletter**, June; article on Kay Kyser...**NARA News**, Spring; articles on Radio's female detectives and The Mutual Broadcasting system...**On the Air**, Jul-Aug; articles on Abbott and Costello and Radio during the war years - part 3. The article on Abbott and Costello tells about Chris Costello and Bud Abbott, Jr., and their efforts to keep their father's comedy alive. A video they put together, "The Best of Abbott and Costello Live," is now being distributed by Warner Home Video.

**BOOKS AND MAGAZINES:** A new book is **Hard News; Women in Broadcast Journalism** by David Hosley and Gayle Yamada: Greenwood Press, Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881; \$35; (203) 226-3571. The book gives a historical study of women in broadcast news and how that has contributed to and reflected changes in our society. Women mentioned in radio and television journalism include: Sigrid Schultz, Pauline Frederick, Helen Siuossat and Dorothy Fuldheim...Just out is **The Music of the Lone Ranger** on cassette and LP. It features the Republic Studios music from 1938-1940 plus music from the radio show (1940-1954). Cost varies from \$14.95 to \$29.95 depending on what you order. Write for information to King Enterprise (James King), 2635 Bahada Rd, Palm Springs, CA 92262...**On the Air: Pioneers of American Broadcasting** by Amy Henderson; Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington City; 1988; \$24.95. This 200-page book contains articles on over 80 pioneers of radio and television. There is much detail in this well written book...Just received **Fred Allen; His Life and Wit** by Robert Taylor; Little, Brown and Company, NY \$19.95. I haven't read it yet but all reviews I have read are very positive. **We hope to have this book on sale at our convention.**

**LOGS:** Gary Dunn, John and Larry Gassman are hoping to have the most recent **Jack Benny Log** ready for our next convention in October. It will have descriptions of all 924 Benny radio shows. The authors of this Benny log are working on a supplement which will consist of Benny guest appearances on radio and television shows. If you can help, write John and Larry Gassman, Box 1163, Whittier, CA 90604 or call 213-947-9800...**Ray Stanich**, 173 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY 11201 has 2 logs available: Lady Esther Presents Orson Welles (1941-1942) and The Ezio Pinza Show (tv) (1951-1952). Each or both available for a SASE... Does anyone have a **CBS Radio Mystery Theater Log**? Several people have inquired about one.

**ORGANIZATIONS AND CONVENTIONS:** The Golden Radio Buffs are offering an authentic reproduction of a 1940 Captain Midnight Radio Premium Set to anyone who makes a donation of at least \$1.00 for the Old-time Radio Exhibit and Hall of Fame in Baltimore. Make check out to The Golden Radio Buffs and mail to OTR Premium Offer % On the Air, 3613 Chestnut Ave., Baltimore, MD 21211...**SPERDVAC** will sponsor its next convention at the Viscount Hotel in Los Angeles on November 10 - 11, 1989. The theme will be SPERDVAC'S 15th anniversary...The **Lum & Abner Society** had its annual convention on June 17th in Mena, Arkansas. Wendell Niles was the special guest. If you want more information on this society and future conventions contact Tim Hollis, Rt 3, Box 110, Dora, AL 35062.

**CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS:** Bob Burnham (BRC), Box 2645, Livonia, MI 48151 has a new summer cassette catalog. It has more Whistlers and Jack Benny...**Thom Salome**, 196 Lawrence Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11230 has 167 episodes of Hop Harrigan (7/9/47 - 2/6/48) on 13 reels at 7 1/2 or on 28 cassettes; 78 episodes of Planet Man on 6 reels at 7 1/2 or on 20 cassettes; Superman will be available very soon if not already. There are 958 episodes; the first 325 plus small pockets up to #1192. Thom's catalog of 1600 reels and 6400 cassette possibilities is available for \$6.50...Received a catalog from a person from the past, **Hugh Carlson**. Hugh



started collecting in the 1960's and unearthed many of the first Fibber McGee and Molly Shows. Hugh dropped out of the hobby for many years but is back in it now. He has 3200 reels of shows. Hugh lives at 33834 Cotswold Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48331 and works at WXYT in Southfield, Michigan.

**NEW ADDRESSES:** **Peter Massaro**, 2116 Lennox Rd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44106...**Dan Decker**, 10587-G Maplewood Drive W., Littleton, CO 80120.

**NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES:** **Pamela Groff**, 4628 Bayard St., #114, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 wants any information about John Huston's connection with radio; any appearances or shows he wrote for or directed...**Bob Anderson**, 407 West Rosemary Ln., Falls Church, VA 22046 wants cassettes copies of Amos 'N Andy shows; also Bob is looking for special LP of Shane as broadcast on The Radio Hall of Fame. The LP had a photo cover shot of Alan Ladd from the movie version...**Evan MacBride**, Box 13128, Sacramento, CA 95813. Evan and I go back to 1970. Evan (Majestic Reruns) does little trading now...**Richard Latson**, 3344 Hewitt Ave #76. Silver Spring, MD 20906...**Phillip Jordan**, 13745 Manteca Way, Saratoga, CA 95070...**Armin Hascher**, 4315 S. Longview Dr., New Berlin, WI 53151 is looking for 2 **Big Story** programs, both involving Cincinnati Times Star Reporter, Bill Carmichael...**Jerry Lippold**, 3100 Bridgeport Ct., Turlock, CA 95380...**David Bakish**, 2 Bay Club Dr., #4X, Bayside, NY 11360 wants any information on Jimmy Durante's full career including ragtime, vaudeville, Broadway, films, radio, television, nightclubs and recordings for a book he is writing. David is compiling a biography and bibliography on Jimmy Durante's full career...**Art Shapiro**, 218 Beach 131 St., Belle Harbor, NY 11694.

**OLD FRIENDS:** **Gordon Kelley**, 8600 University Blvd., Evansville, IN 47712 still looking for the "new" finds of Sherlock Holmes with Basil Rathbone...**Ron Barnett**, Box 9593, Alexandria, VA 22304 has a special offer of 25 blank 1800' reels of tape with box for \$29 plus \$4 shipping. This is a limited offer. It is Ampex government tape, used only once.

**IN FOND MEMORY:** **William Davenport**, 63, May 13; comedy writer (The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet)...**Frank Day Tuttle**, 86, May 22; radio producer and director (The Aldrich Family, Bright Horizon, The March of Time)...**Lyn Murray**, 79, May 20; composer, conductor, choral arranger and musical arranger for radio, tv and film (Hallmark Playhouse, Danny Kaye, Your Hit Parade)...**Maggi McNellis**, 71, May 24; radio and tv talk show hostess (Maggi McNellis Show, Maggi's Private Wire)...**Al Woodbury**, May 26, 79; orchestrator, conductor, composer in film, tv, radio (Fitch Bandwagon, Let George Do It)...**Fran Allison**, Jun 13, 81; singer and entertainer (The Breakfast Club, Meet the Meeks). Best known as puppeteer (Kukla, Fran and Ollie)...**Walter Gustafson**, May 30, 79; sound engineer in radio, theater, records and films (The Shadow, Superman)...**Hy Gardner**, Jun 17, 80; gossip columnist and radio and tv host (WNEW and WMCA in New York)...**Alan Meltzer**, Jun 17, 77; publicist for Orson Welles and Warner Brothers. Member of the Mercury Theater...**Willie Schorr**, Jun 18, 88; stage and radio director/producer; then a film producer (Fred Allen)...**Vic Perrin**, Jul 4, 73; radio and tv actor (Gunsmoke, One Man's Family)...**Jim Backus**, Jul 3, 76; radio, tv and film actor (Alan Young, Danny Kaye, Mel Blanc Shows)...**Ben Wright**, Jul 2, 74; British stage, radio, film and tv actor (One Man's Family, Sherlock Holmes)...**Galen Drake**, Jun 30, 83; New York radio commentator and one of the first talk show hosts...**Tommy Tucker**, Jun 11, 86; big-band leader (Sing for Your Supper)...**Mel Blanc**, Jul 10, 81; The cartoon says it all; a great man who will be missed by everyone.

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JAY HICKERSON, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 \$10/year



## OTR BROADCASTS

KMDY - AM	850	1000 Oaks, CA	All comedy - all day	Daily	11 - 12 midnight
WKOL - AM	1570	Amsterdam, NY	Victor Ives	Mon - Fri	6 - 7 pm
WADS - AM	690	Ansonia, CT	Tom Chelsea	Sat	9 - 10 pm
KJBL - AM	590	Austin, TX		Sun	3 - 7 pm
WBIV - AM	1060	Boston, MA	Tom Heathwood	Sun	6 - 10:30 pm
WEEL - AM	590	Boston, MA	Ken Meyer	Tue - Sat	8 - 10 pm
WEBR - AM	970	Buffalo, NY		Sat - Sun	8 - 9 pm
WBBM-AM	780	Chicago, IL	Chuck Schaden	Mon-Fri	8-9 pm
WBBM-AM	780	Chicago, IL	Chuck Schaden	Sat-Sun	8-10 pm
WNIB - FM	97.0	Chicago, IL	Chuck Schaden	Sat	1 - 5 pm
KVXU - FM	91.8	Cincinnati, OH		Mon - Fri	11 am - 12 noon
KVXU - FM	91.8	Cincinnati, OH		Sat, Sun	5 - 6, 7 - 8 pm
WCLI - AM	1450	Corning, NY	Gary Yoggy	Sun	6 - 7 pm
WNZR - FM	90.9	Danville, OH	Don Dean	Sat	11 - 12 noon
KBXG - Am	710	Denver, CO	John Dunning	Sun	1 - 4 pm
KOA - AM	850	Denver, CO	Jim Hawthorne	Mon - Fri	Mid - 1 am
WXYZ - AM	1270	Detroit, MI		Mon - Fri	11 - 12 mid
KAPR - AM	930	Douglas, AZ	Bob Carroll	Wed	3 hours
WDOE - AM	1410	Dunkirk, NY		Mon - Fri	11 pm
WJKL - FM	94.3	Elgin, IL	Carl Amari	Mon - Fri	10 - 11 pm
WJKL - FM	94.3	Elgin, IL	Carl Amari	Sun	8 - 11 pm
WXFM - FM	105.9	Elmwood Pk, IL	Wayne Messmer	Sun	2 - 4 pm
WSWI - AM	820	Evansville, IL	Gordon Kelley		
WUFT - FM	89.0	Gainesville, FL	Bill Sabis	Sun	9 - 11 pm
WWSC - AM	1450	Glens Falls, NY	D Richardson, W Mitch.	Sun	8 - 10:30 pm
WRCQ - AM	910	Hartford, CT	Phil Callan	Mon - Sat	12 - 5 am
KTRH - AM	740	Houston, TX		Sun	10 - 11 pm
WJCO - AM	1510	Jackson, MI	Bob Burnham	Daily	2 - 4 pm
KCMO - AM	810	Kansas City, MO		Sun	6 - 10 am
WRIU - FM	91.1	Kingston, RI	Fred Nicholas	Wed	10 - 11 pm
WBZW - AM	1040	Knoxville, TN		Sun	1 - 3 pm
KRWG - FM	91.0	Las Cruces, NM	Fred Dabner	Sat	
KANU - FM	92.5	Lawrence, KS	Darrell Brogden	Sat	7 - 8 pm
KNX - AM	1070	Los Angeles, CA		Daily	9 - 10 pm
WJUL - FM	91.5	Lowell, MA	Wayne Braverman	Sun	3 - 6 pm
KKSU - AM	580	Manhattan, KS	Ralph Titus	Fri	2 - 2:30 pm
WYMS - FM	89.5	Milwaukee, WI	Jed Dolnick	Sun	6 - 7 pm
KFAI - FM	90.3	Minneapolis, MN	Amanda Schauburger	Mon	2 pm
CFMI - FM	101.1	New West., BC	Brian Arnold	Sun	8:30 - 11 pm
WADK - AM	1540	Newport, RI	Fred Nicholas	Sun	8:30 - 10 am
KCSN - FM	88.5	Northridge, CA	B Lynes, B Watkins	Sun	12 - 3 pm
KCSN - FM	88.5	Northridge, CA	Harry Tow	Tue	8 - 10 pm
WBAI - FM	99.5	NYC, NY	Max Schmid	Sun	11 - 1 am
WMCA - AM	570	NYC, NY		Mon - Fri	9 - 10 pm
KOMA - AM	1520	Oklahoma City	Victor Ives	Mon - Fri	11 - 12 mid
KOMA - AM	1520	Oklahoma City	Victor Ives	Sun	6 - 12 mid
KPCC - FM	89.3	Pasadena, CA	Gassman brothers	Mon	10 - mid
KPCC - FM	89.3	Pasadena, CA	Gassman brothers	M, W, F	7 - 8 pm
KPCC - FM	89.3	Pasadena, CA	Gassman brothers	Sunday	6 - 7 pm
WCBU - FM	89.9	Peoria, IL	Frank Thomas	Sun	7 - 8:30 pm
WDUV - FM	90.5	Pittsburgh, PA		Mon - Fri	2 - 3, 8 - 10 pm



WTKN - AM	970	Pittsburgh, PA		Mon - Fri	7 - 7:30 pm
WEDO - AM	810	Pittsburgh, PA		Mon - Thu	3 - 4 pm
KBOO - FM	90.7	Portland, OR	Ern Houd	Sun	8:30 - 10:30 pm
KZUU - FM	90.7	Pullman, WA	Paul Brians	Sun	6 - 7 pm
WINY - AM	1350	Putnam, CT		Sun	9 - 9:30 am
KWEB - AM	1270	Rochester, MN	Frank West	Sun	10 - 12 mid
KSJN - AM	1330	Rochester, MN		Sun	6 pm
WHAM - AM	1180	Rochester, NY		Mon - Fri	10 - 11 pm
WPRS - FM	88.3	Rockland, MA	A Chapman, B Bowers	Fri	1 - 2 pm
KLAF - AM	1230	Salt Lake City	Gayle, Morgan		5:30 am - 12 n
KSFO - AM	560	San Francisco	Gerry Gordon	Mon - Fri	8 - 11:30 am
KCRW - FM	89.9	Santa Monica	Bobb Lynes	Sun	7 - 10 pm
KCOZ - FM	100	Shreveport, LA		M, W, F	7 - 7:30 pm
KXLY - AM	920	Spokane, WA		Mon - Fri	10 - 11 pm
CHRE - FM	105.7	St. Catherine		Sun	11 pm
KMAQ - AM	680	St. Joseph, MO	Victor Ives	Mon - Fri	Mid - 1 am
KSLH - FM	91.5	St. Louis, MO	Terry Salomonson	Sat	3:30 - 5 pm
WRVO - FM	89.9	Syracuse, NY	Art Pierce	Fri	9 - 10 pm
WRVO - FM	89.9	Syracuse, NY	Bill Shigley	Mon - Thu	9:30 - mid
WRVO - FM	89.9	Syracuse, NY	Bill Shigley	Sun	9 - mid
CHUM - FM	104.5	Toronto		Sun	11 pm
KRMG - AM	740	Tulsa, OK	Joe Riddle	Sun	3 - 7 pm
WDCB - FM	90.0	Urbana, IL	College of Dupage	Tue	11:30 - 12 mid
CKNW - AM	980	Vancouver	Jack Cullen	Mon - Sat	11 - 11:30 pm
WCRB - FM	102.5	Waltham, MA		Sat	10 - 10:30 pm
WAMU - FM	88.5	Washington, DC	John Hickman	Sun	7 - 11 pm
CKLW - AM	800	Windsor, Ontario		Sun	7 - 8 pm

